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# PRODUCTION

Month	Iron ore (a)	Lead (b)	Electricity		Gas (c)		Raw steel		Cement		Motor vehicles (d)		Electric motors under 720W		Four weeks ended	Coal (e)
	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	mil. kWh		mil. megajoules		'000 tonnes		'000 tonnes		'000		under 720W '000			
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		
1987-88—																
March	24,283	44.9	11,425	11,479	42,214	44,379	589	584	545	519	31.3	27.3	215	199	1987-88— March 5	13,209
April		35.5	10,788	11,544	39,137	43,298	495	529	499	514	24.0	28.0	180	215	April 2	14,876
May		37.0	11,772	11,443	47,062	43,527	484	474	537	521	28.5	28.5	213	238	April 30	12,605
June	25,671	38.7	12,104	11,182	50,610	44,303	536	532	586	584	28.3	26.1	228	221	May 28 June 25	14,863 10,111
1988-89—																
July		42.4	12,634	11,033	54,766	44,117	555	521	556	532	26.0	22.9	223	212	1988-89— July 23	12,073
August		41.3	12,758	11,633	54,647	47,093	565	532	603	591	31.4	26.4	244	220	August 20	17,029
September	24,665	40.8	11,762	11,741	48,693	45,386	564	536	609	576	30.8	27.2	256	215	September 17	16,331
October		39.7	11,934	12,145	43,176	42,230	573	566	584	541	30.1	28.2	206	180	October 15	13,374
November		40.5	11,634	12,286	42,311	45,454	569	587	613	579	34.1	29.8	253	207	November 12	13,997
December	22,085	44.9	11,735	12,462	40,160	47,371	588	596	594	582	23.8	27.0	199	203	December 10	14,797
January		35.6	11,460	12,327	37,783	46,942	546	555	415	610	7.9	25.7	113	240	January 14	10,773
February		38.8	11,231	12,416	37,483	44,601	523	590	586	603	25.5	27.0	242	243	February 11	14,903
March	n.y.a.	40.7	12,225	12,389	41,992	44,279	560	555	615	606	24.1	23.0	208	210	March 11	15,748
April		n.y.a.	11,655	12,365	41,955	46,404	558	612	526	532	27.3	30.1	195	217	April 8	12,962
May		n.y.a.	12,367	11,908	49,913	45,913	487	472	577	555	30.2	26.4	248	270		

(a) Gross mine output. Source: Bureau of Mineral Resources, Geology and Geophysics (B.M.R.). (b) Metallic contents of mine products. Source: B.M.R. (c) Available for use through mains; includes natural gas. (d) Includes vehicles which are disposed of by the manufacturer in a partly finished state. (e) Excludes lignite.

## PRODUCTION—continued

## STOCKS(a)

Month	Cotton woven cloth (incl. towelling) ' 000 sq m		Woolen and worsted woven cloth (incl. blanketing) ' 000 sq m		Man-made fibre cloth ' 000 sq m		Price index manufac- turing division(b) (Base year 1968-69 = 100.0)	Meat '000 tonnes		Whole milk intake by factories(c) mil. litres		Brokers and dealers receipts of taxable wool		Book value at end of quarter \$ m	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Total receipts received by brokers(d)	% of total received by brokers(d)	Original	Seas. adj.
1987-88—															
March	3,465	3,078	1,069	868	15,394	13,619	501.3	235	209	398	500	60,283	87.1	r47,916	r47,763
April	3,324	3,358	772	840	13,159	13,697	504.2	182	191	323	506	40,850	84.3		
May	3,305	3,016	833	817	14,793	14,154	507.0	187	182	307	513	38,695	86.8		
June	3,396	3,037	827	823	16,122	13,982	507.8	185	178	290	508	34,107	85.6	r47,932	r48,336
1988-89—															
July	3,869	3,171	847	873	15,890	14,537	509.6	166	165	341	501	55,547	86.7		
August	3,568	3,197	978	894	17,318	15,273	513.8	200	195	494	512	106,077	85.2		
September	3,637	3,062	888	873	17,031	15,255	517.2	213	211	670	521	121,868	85.4	r49,850	r49,656
October	3,045	2,903	894	854	15,659	14,448	519.7	197	192	786	507	131,821	85.0		
November	3,032	2,997	995	781	18,285	16,644	520.3	219	207	738	504	109,653	82.1		
December	2,304	2,817	677	882	13,875	16,210	521.0	178	200	693	515	63,774	83.9	50,505	50,463
January	951	3,724	498	849	7,394	25,456	523.7	161	181	624	524	49,649	88.4		
February	2,832	2,850	797	709	16,872	16,168	529.0	188	195	475	523	60,176	87.9		
March	3,125	2,834	810	729	16,753	15,372	p532.6	209	198	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	p51,567	p51,385
April	2,992	3,037	685	710	15,405	15,964	p536.1	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.		
May	3,767	3,335	787	717	18,006	16,716	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.		

(a) Owned by private enterprises in Australia. See publication 5629.0. (b) This index is on a 'net division' basis and relates in concept only to articles which are produced in the Manufacturing Division of ASIC (Division C) for sale or transfer outside the Division or for use as capital equipment. (c) Source: Australian Dairy Corporation. (d) Members of the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia.

## FOREIGN TRADE

Month	Value of total exports (a)(b) \$m	Value of total imports (a)(b) \$m	Values at average 1984-85 prices \$m		Export price index All groups (Base year 1974-75 = 100.0)	Import price index All groups (Base year 1981-82 = 100.0)	Balance of Payments— current transactions \$m		Official reserve assets (c) \$m
			Exports f.o.b. Seas. adj.	Imports f.o.b. Seas. adj.			Balance on goods and services	Balance on current account	
1987-88—									
March	3,606	3,749	9,133	-8,503	278	165.5	-394	-1,277	17,331
April	3,604	3,097			280		267	-558	18,564
May	3,472	3,656			283		-413	-1,370	19,457
June	3,468	3,324	8,451	-8,631	282	159.6	-195	-1,005	20,182
1988-89—									
July	3,176	3,635			280		-782	-1,516	20,226
August	3,530	3,823			279		-641	-1,394	20,176
September	3,448	3,270	8,553	-9,289	280	152.5	-362	-1,071	20,628
October	3,473	3,782			277		-921	-1,777	20,118
November	3,623	4,298			276		-747	-1,550	19,499
December	3,694	3,268	8,647	-10,217	271	p149.9	-222	-1,056	19,772
January	3,515	4,467			270		-777	-1,749	18,790
February	3,541	3,886			280		-357	-1,230	20,888
March	3,506	3,749	8,618	-11,207	p284	n.y.a.	-675	-1,686	19,509
April	3,860	p4,010			p293		-235	-1,132	20,245
May	n.y.a.	n.y.a.			n.y.a.		-972	-1,828	20,223

(a) Non-merchandise trade is excluded from export and import statistics. (b) Total exports and imports for periods from 1 July 1987 includes exports and imports of gold coins, whether or not they are legal tender, and other coins which are legal tender. See Appendix A of the January issues of *Exports, Australia, Monthly Summary Tables* (5432.0) and *Imports, Australia, Monthly Summary Tables* (5433.0). (c) Gold is valued at the average London gold price for the month converted to \$A at the market rate of exchange applying on the last day of the month.

## RETAIL TRADE

Retail sales of goods (excluding motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc.) (a) \$m

Month	Current prices		Average 1984-85 prices		Grocers, confectioners, tobacconists		Department stores		New motor cars and station wagons registered '000		Other new motor vehicles registered (b) '000	
	Trend estimate		Trend estimate		Trend estimate		Trend estimate		Seas. adj.		Seas. adj.	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Trend estimate	Original	Trend estimate	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1987-88—												
March	5,929	6,071	5,960	13,466	14,235	1,694	1,629	666	732	35.0	30.7	7.8
April	5,713	5,977	5,994			1,623	1,635	703	732	29.7	33.2	7.0
May	5,888	5,874	6,030			1,494	1,643	727	732	35.5	33.8	8.8
June	5,870	6,220	6,071	13,623	14,099	1,609	1,653	710	734	36.8	33.5	9.6
1988-89—												
July	5,848	6,112	6,112			1,610	r1,666	673	739	32.3	32.8	7.9
August	5,878	6,071	6,157			1,654	1,681	640	749	37.1	33.7	9.1
September	6,101	6,250	6,205	13,654	14,098	1,700	1,700	711	760	40.5	r39.2	9.6
October	6,187	6,311	6,254			1,706	1,723	718	770	36.4	38.2	9.6
November	6,504	6,236	6,308			1,759	1,744	856	775	42.2	40.8	10.8
December	r8,787	6,331	6,374	16,251	14,312	2,085	1,765	1,545	776	39.4	39.3	10.0
January	6,133	6,543	6,445			1,726	r1,786	621	772	42.7	33.8	7.9
February	5,680	6,429	6,516			1,674	r1,806	543	767	34.9	38.7	10.2
March	r6,449	r6,626	6,581	13,688	14,671	r1,896	r1,824	710	763	r41.5	r40.1	11.5
April	6,215	6,682	6,640			1,762	1,842	686	759	34.1	36.4	9.9
May	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.			n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	p40.2	p36.3	p12.5
June												p10.8

(a) Series based on 1985-86 Retail Census, excludes Northern Territory, but includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Comprises light commercial type vehicles, trucks, other truck type vehicles and buses.

# WAGES, OVERTIME AND RETAIL PRICES

Month	Average weekly earnings of employees (\$)		Average weekly ordinary time earnings, full-time adult persons (\$)	Index of minimum award rates of pay, full-time adult persons June 1985 = 100	Average weekly overtime hours per employee	Consumer price index, weighted average of eight capital cities (Base of each Index Year 1980-81 = 100.0 unless otherwise stated)								
	All males	All females				All groups	Food	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transportation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care	Recreation and education(a)
1987-88—														
February	474.90	315.30	458.80	114.0	1.34									
March				114.0		176.0	165.0	163.9	177.2	173.4	188.6	199.8	176.2	155.3
April				114.1										
May	481.70	316.40	464.80	114.1	1.38									
June				114.3		179.0	170.4	170.1	180.8	176.1	188.2	203.0	179.2	156.9
1988-89—														
July				114.5										
August	486.20	319.60	470.90	114.6	1.33									
September				117.0		182.4	175.1	170.8	188.0	179.0	191.1	205.6	180.6	158.1
October				117.3										
November	505.20	328.70	484.90	117.3	1.48									
December				117.5		186.2	177.9	176.0	199.7	181.8	191.7	206.0	181.5	161.9
January				117.8										
February	511.60	334.80	492.30	117.9	1.41									
March				120.0		188.0	180.5	175.9	197.7	183.1	193.6	210.1	191.1	163.2
April				120.7										

(a) Base of index series: March Quarter 1982 = 100.0.

# BUILDING AND NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Month											Price indexes(a)		Private new capital expenditure(b) \$ m			
	Building approvals \$ m		Building approvals dwellings '000 units		Government building approved \$ m	Building commenced, total \$ m		Dwellings commenced '000 units		Materials used in building (Base year 1985-86 = 100.0)	Materials used in building other than house building (Base year 1979-80 = 100.0)					
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.							
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	
1987-88—																
February	1,919.4	2,100.3	12.8	12.4	256.3					114.7	199.4					
March	1,825.1	1,687.1	14.5	13.2	209.2	5,374.2	5,681.8	33.3	35.6	116.1	200.9	1,829	2,146	3,543	4,016	
April	1,878.6	2,028.6	12.6	13.9	212.1					117.4	202.6					
May	2,562.3	2,367.9	15.3	14.1	457.2					118.8	204.8					
June	2,182.2	2,026.5	16.0	14.9	355.0	6,014.2	6,003.6	38.2	38.9	119.7	206.2	2,405	2,390	4,345	4,005	
1988-89—																
July	2,272.1	2,409.1	15.0	15.2	160.5					120.5	207.0					
August	2,313.1	1,938.5	17.9	16.6	218.9					121.5	208.1					
September	2,336.4	2,340.7	16.9	16.7	190.7	6,884.5	6,578.8	44.9	42.6	122.4	209.4	2,287	2,309	3,690	3,754	
October	2,100.2	2,105.4	15.6	15.3	203.1					123.6	211.3					
November	2,491.3	2,267.3	17.3	15.5	216.4					124.8	213.4					
December	2,248.1	2,419.2	13.9	15.1	530.8	7,241.4	7,190.0	46.4	45.0	125.5	p214.3	2,734	2,368	4,762	4,571	
January	2,290.4	2,826.4	12.5	15.5	262.4					p126.5	p215.7					
February	2,070.0	2,389.4	14.5	15.7	259.3					p127.3	p216.4					
March	2,659.4	2,784.8	15.4	16.0	357.2	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	p128.8	p218.1	p2,302	p2,714	p4,093	p4,622	
April	2,432.4	2,440.2	14.8	15.3	321.1					p129.9	n.y.a.					

(a) Weighted average six State capital cities. (b) Excludes enterprises classified to agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, community services and construction.

## FINANCE

Month	Savings banks— depositors' balances (a)		Major trading banks (b)				Housing finance for owner occupation secured commitments to individuals (c)			Common- wealth bond yield short dated (e) per cent
	\$m		Deposits \$m		Advances \$m		Banks \$m	Permanent building societies \$m	Other lenders (d) \$m	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.				
1987-88—										
February	57,485	58,486	46,638	47,002	47,320	47,881	1,331	288	79	11.55
March	57,599	58,818	47,608	46,826	47,704	47,822	1,771	390	96	10.85
April	58,799	59,134	47,544	46,695	47,743	46,933	1,324	322	82	10.90
May	60,150	60,124	47,026	47,239	47,526	47,159	1,610	421	101	12.30
June	61,756	61,142	48,938	48,660	48,831	48,945	1,926	405	100	11.70
1988-89—										
July	63,240	62,263	48,943	48,896	48,998	48,657	1,458	339	82	12.05
August	64,581	63,650	48,354	49,062	49,734	50,054	1,682	322	96	12.30
September	65,277	64,754	49,151	49,626	50,720	51,188	1,458	336	88	12.90
October	64,818	64,548	52,096	52,213	52,834	52,506	1,475	300	93	13.05
November	65,711	65,853	53,413	53,499	53,660	53,976	1,904	333	99	13.30
December	67,628	67,134	55,652	55,364	54,365	54,084	1,485	241	102	13.85
January	n.a.	n.a.	55,784	56,157	n.a.	n.a.	1,319	183	84	14.65
February	n.a.	n.a.	57,527	57,948	n.a.	n.a.	1,523	213	97	15.05
March	n.a.	n.a.	59,512	58,584	n.a.	n.a.	1,614	190	107	15.15
April	n.a.	n.a.	61,209	60,102	n.a.	n.a.	1,346	160	96	14.85

(a) Excludes external territories. (b) Includes external territories. (c) Excludes loans for alterations and additions. (d) Includes terminating building societies, finance companies, credit unions, insurance companies and government instrumentalities. (e) This series is based on non-rebate bonds.

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS  
(\$ million)

Quarter	Gross domestic product		Gross farm product		Gross non-farm product		Final consumption expenditure				Gross fixed capital expenditure			
							Private		Government		Private		Public	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
AT CURRENT PRICES														
1987-88—														
December qtr	77,898	72,513	5,033	2,954	72,865	69,559	45,149	42,472	13,450	13,078	13,554	12,908	4,903	4,712
March qtr	71,404	74,847	2,616	3,468	68,788	71,379	42,130	43,797	12,831	13,543	12,597	13,857	3,815	4,427
June qtr	74,794	77,594	2,023	3,175	72,771	74,419	43,724	44,532	13,838	13,442	15,460	15,039	4,612	3,703
1988-89—														
September qtr	80,472	79,728	3,034	3,569	77,438	76,159	45,605	45,658	13,733	13,808	15,278	15,071	3,691	4,182
December qtr	89,356	82,789	6,261	3,494	83,095	79,295	49,798	46,892	14,384	13,980	17,339	16,519	4,753	4,520
March qtr	81,722	86,230	2,673	3,613	79,049	82,617	46,660	48,783	13,492	14,246	15,659	17,245	3,959	4,573
AT AVERAGE 1984-85 PRICES														
1987-88—														
December qtr	64,063	59,097	4,198	2,259	59,865	56,838	36,133	34,039	11,458	11,115	10,543	10,037	3,950	3,795
March qtr	56,881	59,574	1,698	2,361	55,183	57,213	33,182	34,496	10,690	11,332	9,709	10,684	3,004	3,489
June qtr	58,245	60,341	1,412	2,159	56,833	58,182	33,835	34,436	11,517	11,112	11,679	11,336	3,609	2,892
1988-89—														
September qtr	60,566	60,514	1,633	2,252	58,933	58,262	34,694	34,699	11,202	11,320	11,281	11,158	2,871	3,258
December qtr	67,100	61,800	4,446	2,310	62,654	59,490	37,223	35,086	11,563	11,212	12,823	12,199	3,673	3,491
March qtr	59,533	62,786	1,670	2,385	57,863	60,401	34,461	36,050	10,823	11,475	11,441	12,643	2,985	3,451

AT CURRENT PRICES—continued

Quarter	Imports of goods and services		Exports of goods and services		Wages, salaries and supplements		Gross operating surplus of trading enterprises				Household income (original)			
							Private corporate		Other		Wages, salaries and supplements	Total household income	Less direct taxes, etc. (a)	Household disposable income
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.				
1987-88—														
December qtr	13,195	12,999	12,377	12,155	37,856	36,452	11,813	10,709	19,660	16,770	37,840	62,301	11,049	51,252
March qtr	13,103	13,663	12,866	12,968	36,436	37,418	10,077	11,105	16,424	18,068	36,415	57,115	12,086	45,029
June qtr	12,877	13,146	12,536	12,438	38,256	38,559	11,199	11,763	16,463	18,496	38,241	61,097	15,966	45,131
1988-89—														
September qtr	14,055	13,475	12,270	12,573	39,480	39,178	12,856	12,422	19,650	19,347	39,466	62,457	12,177	50,280
December qtr	14,941	14,605	13,051	12,791	42,466	40,924	14,421	13,131	23,781	20,041	42,445	70,783	11,702	59,081
March qtr	14,637	15,304	12,848	12,956	40,709	42,315	12,711	13,941	19,042	20,938	40,688	63,969	13,272	50,697

(a) Direct taxes deducted are those paid by persons to general government. These include income tax paid and estate and gift duties, all other direct taxes, fees for service of a regulatory character and fines and gifts paid. Also deducted here are consumer debt interest and transfers to overseas.

**SURVEY  
OF JOB  
VACANCIES  
(c)**

**LABOUR FORCE(a)**

Month	Employed ('000 persons)				Unemployed ('000 persons)				Unemployment rate (per cent)		Participation rate (per cent)		Number of job vacancies ('000)	
	Full-time workers		Total		Looking for full-time work		Total		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.						
1988—														
March	5,910.0	5,879.2	7,397.4	7,332.1	494.8	472.1	645.2	593.0	8.0	7.5	63.3	62.3	58.5	
April	5,898.8	5,908.4	7,383.4	7,365.1	492.6	489.1	644.8	622.7	8.0	7.8	63.1	62.7		
May	5,877.4	5,892.6	7,354.9	7,347.9	469.0	469.3	593.0	591.0	7.5	7.4	62.3	62.2		
June	5,883.3	5,915.4	7,378.3	7,380.8	459.6	467.3	569.1	582.6	7.2	7.3	62.2	62.3		
July	5,933.6	5,926.1	7,383.1	7,379.5	451.5	446.3	518.8	541.0	6.6	6.8	61.8	61.9		
August	5,874.6	5,945.8	7,353.4	7,422.2	438.7	446.3	538.7	563.0	6.6	7.0	61.6	62.3		
September	5,981.0	5,972.0	7,503.2	7,468.8	438.7	454.6	554.6	559.1	6.9	7.1	62.8	62.5		
October	6,016.3	6,006.4	7,477.3	7,465.0	406.0	438.5	507.9	548.4	6.4	6.8	62.1	62.3		
November	5,992.6	6,003.6	7,508.7	7,483.6	391.3	425.3	488.4	537.1	6.1	6.7	62.1	62.3		
December	6,103.3	6,026.8	7,622.9	7,531.2	442.4	436.4	563.3	556.1	6.9	6.9	63.4	62.7		
1989—														
January	6,015.3	6,025.4	7,424.9	7,573.0	477.2	437.5	592.4	565.6	7.4	6.9	62.0	63.0	72.5	
February	6,076.8	6,058.2	7,569.7	7,617.8	471.6	432.1	598.1	551.4	7.3	6.7	63.1	63.1		
March	6,081.4	6,049.6	7,638.3	7,569.9	416.6	397.5	546.3	501.5	6.7	6.2	63.1	62.2		
April	6,113.5	6,122.8	7,683.2	7,662.9	389.8	386.9	516.1	497.3	6.3	6.1	63.1	62.8		
May	6,122.5	6,138.2	7,729.3	7,721.2	402.8	402.4	518.5	516.3	6.3	6.3	63.4	63.3		n.p.

(a) Estimates derived from the labour force survey part of monthly population survey, which is based on a sample of dwellings and covers about three-fifths of one per cent of the population of Australia. (b) Estimates from December 1987 onwards are based on 1986 census benchmarks. For further information see *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0). (c) Estimates derived from a survey of private sector employers and government agencies. For further information see *Job Vacancies, Australia* (6231.0).

**EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, STATES AND TERRITORIES(a)  
(‘000 persons)**

Month	Australia													Total Public and Private
	Public													
	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Private	Common- wealth	State(b)	Local	Total	
1987—														
October	2,035.0	1,629.1	830.5	479.9	521.4	150.4	52.3	123.2	4,085.1	432.1	1,147.5	157.2	1,736.8	5,821.9
November	2,059.7	1,639.7	837.6	484.9	528.1	151.5	52.5	124.1	4,140.3	432.2	1,149.0	157.9	1,739.1	5,879.3
December	2,065.8	1,649.2	833.2	484.9	529.1	153.1	51.4	125.0	4,161.0	432.6	1,140.0	157.9	1,730.5	5,891.6
1988—														
January	2,042.1	1,610.9	806.8	483.4	504.5	148.0	50.3	121.4	4,097.3	428.5	1,087.3	154.2	1,670.0	5,767.4
February	2,090.0	1,642.5	818.8	491.7	516.8	149.6	49.8	125.1	4,177.8	432.1	1,118.3	156.2	1,706.7	5,884.4
March	2,093.7	1,656.1	828.7	494.7	522.7	150.6	50.7	126.2	4,193.2	432.8	1,141.1	156.2	1,730.0	5,923.2
April	2,099.0	1,640.6	829.0	491.0	518.7	148.7	52.0	125.0	4,169.9	430.4	1,148.7	155.0	1,734.0	5,903.9
May	2,115.6	1,652.4	843.1	492.7	521.8	149.5	53.0	126.4	4,209.9	431.7	1,155.9	155.7	1,744.6	5,954.9
June	2,109.1	1,646.3	842.2	491.2	520.8	148.6	54.1	126.4	4,198.9	431.7	1,152.6	155.5	1,739.8	5,938.7
July	2,083.6	1,662.9	871.7	482.0	509.5	149.0	56.9	125.5	4,202.0	426.6	1,137.6	154.8	1,719.1	5,921.1
August	2,089.7	1,685.0	883.9	487.6	512.8	151.3	58.0	126.0	4,255.8	427.3	1,155.8	155.8	1,738.4	5,994.3
September (c)	2,115.8	1,701.6	894.9	492.4	519.5	152.3	57.9	125.4	4,260.6	429.1	1,155.2	155.0	1,799.3	6,059.9
October	2,108.7	1,696.4	894.1	487.7	515.3	150.9	56.0	126.0	4,204.4	426.7	1,148.5	155.5	1,730.7	6,035.1
November	2,123.2	1,713.4	898.0	491.9	517.4	152.4	55.7	126.8	4,345.7	427.8	1,148.4	156.8	1,733.1	6,078.8
December	2,127.0	1,729.9	886.5	492.3	521.6	154.3	55.7	126.2	4,369.2	424.6	1,141.9	157.8	1,724.3	6,093.5

(a) Results of sample survey of approximately 15,000 private sector employers and 2,500 public sector employers selected from the ABS register of businesses. For further details see *Employed Wage and Salary Earners, Australia* (6248.0). Excludes wage and salary earners in the private sector employed in agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting, private households and members of the permanent defence forces. (b) Includes the Northern Territory Government. (c) Total, Public and Commonwealth values include temporary Australian Electoral Commission employees.

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